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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated December 22, 2003, an Advisory Action and a Final Rejection, dated May 30, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) be entered and made of record. It is believed that the following amendments and remarks place the application in the form for allowance, or at least, place the claims in a better form for Appeal. No new matter is presented, as such the Preliminary Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-8 and 10-19 are pending in the present application.

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